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1. The command of the 32 Hungarian Rifle Division is in the castle of Prince Festetich, north of the city. The commander is a colonel. The "small castle" is occupied by a signal unit, probably a battalion.
2. There is an engineer battalion of about 300 men in the old Honvéd barracks in the southern part of the city. At this point also there is a water exercise area on Lake Balaton, shut off by barbed wire and guarded. There are numerous sheds here, filled with pontoons, bridging materiel, small boats and rolls of barbed wire. An underground bunker has also been built.
3. On the left side of the road between Keszthely and Héviz a barracks complex was set up in 1951. It is now occupied by a complete Hungarian infantry Regiment.
4. The new artillery barracks in Soproni Street is occupied by a field artillery regiment. It is commanded by Major Miklos Csura. The regiment consists of three units, each of three batteries. One unit is equipped with 76.2 mm. guns, the others with 122 mm. howitzers. The strength of the regiment is 1,200 men.
5. The barracks consists of four three-storied buildings and two two-storied buildings, garages and gun sheds.

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